



Setting the Record Straight on the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review Report

“Wherever there is waste we’ve got to go and detect it and get rid of waste and extra spending. We are in an economic and budget crisis and we have to run government as efficiently as possible...the more we can all look at government and check out if there is any wasteful spending the better it is for the people of California, the better it is for the taxpayer...I’m very happy that we did the executive order...and really make sure there is no wasteful spending going on...if there is anyone that has done anything beyond the executive order we will find the people and find those misuse of funds and get rid of them.” (Gov. Schwarzenegger, Media Availability, 2/10/10)

The Governor’s Executive Order is working and he’s committed to finding even more ways to save taxpayer money. The state is cutting back its spending—just as California’s families are.

In the 2009 calendar year, there was a 64 percent reduction in state vehicle purchases compared to 2008.

- In 2009, 1,273 vehicles were purchased, compared to 3,558 purchased in 2008.
- The only vehicle purchases made following the Governor's Executive Order were strictly for law enforcement and public safety services.

The amount spent on vehicle purchases declined by 57 percent from 2008 to 2009.

- \$34,272,383 was spent on vehicles in 2009, compared to \$79,232,220 in 2008.

Total contract spending from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009 was reduced by 18 percent.

- Contract spending was \$8.9 billion for 2008/2009, compared to \$10.9 billion for 2007/2008.

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing has saved approximately \$1 million in operating costs, rent, supplies, and personnel by consolidating their regional offices into their Elk Grove headquarters and one L.A. office.

Health and Human Services was proactive in providing office furnishings to other departments when they consolidated office space.

- The rest was sold at a surplus property garage sale that brought in approximately \$1.6 million for the state’s general fund.

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) operates a “Second Chance Outlet” with gently-used furniture, equipment and other office supplies for the agency’s five boards, departments and offices to “shop” for free.

All state agencies regularly share meeting space and meeting equipment (video and phone conferencing, laptops and projectors, etc) in order to cut down on costs, and make their buildings available to other state agencies and departments.

The California Film Commission furnished their office with Caltrans surplus supplies.